

## **TOWN OF LINCOLN**

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**

**October 14, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. Commission Members present at this meeting were Chairman Kevin Bryson, Paul Hetu, Roy Coulombe, Erin Vaughan and Gary Stott. Commission Member David Boyle was absent from this meeting and there is no Commission Member for Manville.

The Commission Members reviewed the minutes for the September 9, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Member Gary Stott to accept the September 9, 2009 minutes and the motion was seconded by Member Roy Coulombe.

The Commission Members reviewed the Director's Report and Maintenance Report for the month of September.

#### **New Business:**

Town Administrator Joe Almond was present at this meeting to speak with the Commission Members about their concerns regarding Manville, the old backstop poles at Chet Nichols Field, poor field conditions at the Middle School, drainage issues at Hien Field and the lack of reports and communication that the Commission receives.

The pole at Lonsdale has been removed. Joe Almond stated that he would need a month to follow up on the progress of the removal of

the old backstop poles at Chet Nichols Field. He said he does not disagree with the Commission's reasoning's behind wanting them removed.

Joe Almond stated that the lack of reports and communication that the Commission receives needs to be corrected and he suggested the Commission use some type of a generic report that be filled out monthly and submitted to the Commission. Joe requested that the Commission come up with topics that they would like to be updated on a monthly basis and Joe will build these into a template. Joe Almond also stated he wants either Parks & Recreation Director Paul Prachniak or the Assistant Director Andy Wade to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings quarterly so that they can answer any of the Commission's questions.

The poor field conditions at the Middle School were discussed. Joe Almond noted that the soccer field was not ready for use and the field will need some rest and assured the Commission it will get fixed. The Commission Members informed Mr. Almond of the bathrooms being locked on weekends and issues with the lights and Mr. Almond said it seems to nothing more than a communication problem. Joe Almond agreed that the bathrooms should not be locked up and he would like to speak with whoever is in charge to take care of this situation.

Joe Almond addressed the drainage problems at Hien Field and noted that left field is the worst and will have to be corrected but is cautious to do anything now because of the extremely high levels of rain this season. He does not want to overcorrect the problem and have too much drainage and next season the grass turn to hay. Joe stated we

need to have a “normal” rain season then make some corrections thus finding a balance. The grass was just aerated and a drain will be put in near the bleachers. Another option is Sanplugs to help with drainage. Joe stated that someone tampered with the irrigation system and for a week the field was being over watered. Joe said it was just a horrible year in general for fields, not only the large amounts of rain but the turf doesn’t grow either.

Joe Almond informed the Commission Members that the previous Commissioner for Manville did actually attend at least four very important meetings about the upcoming plans for the new Manville Park and the Commission was only reported back to on one of these meetings. Joe Almond told Chairman Kevin Bryson that if he wants to appoint someone else to that position there is still plenty of time and it can be done.

Joe Almond showed the Commissioners the specs for the new Manville Park. There will be two new concession stands; one facing the soccer field and one facing the baseball field. The concession stands will be connected to each other with the bathrooms in the middle along with a storage area and sewer and water service will be brought down to the new building as well. Trees will be removed and a picnic area will be made. An old wall will be removed. There will be a gravel path around the entire park, a new playground, a regulation sized soccer field, the Farm League Field will be flattened and the basketball courts will be resurfaced and relined. Joe Almond stated a lot of the work is dealing with the ledge and the Town will do the demo work. Mr. Almond hopes that it will go out to bid this winter.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Member Roy Coulombe and the motion was seconded by Member Gary Stott.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.**